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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know why it should not be taken up tomorrow. It is a mere accident that much Government business has not been done to-day. If this is taken up to-morrow, it is probable that feelings may get smoothened."

* Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I am not anxious that the motion should be taken up to-day; for some friends have told me that they have not got a copy of Mr. Courtenay's report or of the Government Order I think it is only fair to them that they should be given time to go through the report and that this motion should be taken up to-morrow, because these are records that have not been circulated to Members of the House. They have simply taken it from the newspapers. Otherwise I am perfectly willing to have it to-day."

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If this matter should go to vote, we should have the full strength. If the matter is to come up to-morrow, from the point of view of Government and not from a personal standpoint, I should say that there are some commercial gentlemen here who will find it difficult to be present to-morrow, as it is mail day. It will be therefore convenient if it is taken up to-day or on Friday."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am sorry I am unable to take a vote of this House upon this question. It is left to my discretion and all things considered, I think we shall have to go on with it to-day at 2-30 p.m."

" If hon. Members wish that any particular passages of Mr. Courtenay's report should be printed for their use, I shall ask the Secretary to do so at once."

* Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" It will be better if Government can distribute copies of the report and the order thereon."

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If there are spare copies, I shall see that they are distributed. I think hon. Members of this House had a copy of Mr. Courtenay's report."

* Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" No, not the report."

IV

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(1)

The Secretary then laid on the table copies of the following orders :—

^a (i) G.O. No. 810, Development, dated 2nd June 1925, regarding the Audit Reports of the Chenat Nair Forest Scheme for 1922-23 and 1923-24.

^b (ii) G.O. No. 907, Development, dated 23rd June 1925, recording the Audit Report on Forests—Mount Stuart Working Circle—for 1923-24.

^b (iii) G.O. No. 942, Development, dated 30th June 1925, recording the Audit Report of the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, for the quarter ending 31st December 1924.

^c (iv) G.O. No. 946, Development, dated 3rd July 1925, recording Accounts and Audit Report of Fisheries—Cannery—for the quarter ending 31st December 1924.

^d (v) G.O. No. 955, Development, dated 3rd July 1925, recording the balance sheet of the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, for the quarter ending 31st December 1924.

^a Placed on the Editors' Table

^b Printed as Appendix XII on pages 272-278 infra.

^c Printed as Appendix XIII on pages 278-285 infra.

^d Printed as Appendix XIV on pages 285-292 infra.

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(2)

* The Secretary laid on the table copies of Government Orders relating to authorization of expenditure by His Excellency the Governor under section 72-D (2) (b) of the Government of India Act.

(3)

¹ With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question to question No. 51 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 4th February 1925, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of the note on the restoration of the Periyapalaiyam anicut across the Noyyil and the surplus channel leading therefrom.

(4)

* With reference to the answer given to clause (b) of question No. 349 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 4th March 1925, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of the notification calling for tenders for the construction of the New Coleroon bridge at Srirangam, Trichinopoly district.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to inform the House that the following six gentlemen were nominated for election to the House Committee:—

- (1) Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar
- (2) „ P. Anjaneyulu.
- (3) „ M. Ratnaswami.
- (4) „ L. C. Guruswami.
- (5) „ Hamid Sultan Marakkayar.
- (6) „ P. T. Rajan.

"As the number of candidates nominated for election is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely six, I hereby declare the above gentlemen to be duly elected under Regulation II (4) of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote. Under Standing Order 80, I have nominated Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar and Diwan Bahadur P. Ethirajulu Nayudu to be members of the Committee."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Sir, I do not know if I will
1 p.m. be in order if I just ask for information as to whether it has been decided that we should sit on Saturday or not, after the observation made by the hon. the Law Member. You said yesterday that the non-official business would go on tomorrow and the day after."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I shall be able to state it before we adjourn for lunch."

* Printed as Appendix XV on pages 292-293 infra.

¹ Printed as Appendix XVI on page 293 infra.

§ Printed as Appendix XVII on pages 293-294 infra.